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JAPAN'S EXPORTS OF FROZEN AND CANNED TUNA, 1961 AND JANUARY-JUNE, 1962 1/

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Transmitted herewith are statistical tables showing Japan's exports of frozen and canned tuna, export prices, and quotas for tuna landings at overseas bases and the mothership fishery.

In connection with export of canned tuna in brine to the United States for JFY 1962 (April 1, 1962 - March 31, 1963), the Japan Export Canned Tuna Producers Association adopted the following quotas:

1. The 1962 quota shall be 2,300,000 cases, of which 1,500,000 cases will be allocated to producers on the basis of records of past performance and 800,000 cases to be allocated on an unclassified basis.

2. The unclassified quotas will be released as follows: 320,000 cases April - June, 320,000 cases July - December, and 160,000 cases January - March 1963.

3. The total export quota of 2,300,000 cases shall consist of 60 percent white meat and 40 percent light meat tuna, with a stipulation that exports of white meat tuna shall not to fall below 40 percent of total exports and exports of light meat tuna not to exceed 60 percent of total exports.

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4. Tuna is to be packed in the following can sizes and percentage of each can size permitted to be exported:

White Meat Tuna	Percent
13 oz. (24 cans per case)	20
7 oz. (48 cans per case)	55
4 lb. (6 cans per case)	25
Light Meat Tuna	
13 oz. (24 cans per case)	20
7 oz. (48 cans per case)	45
4 lb. (6 cans per case)	35

5. Exports of other styles of pack of canned tuna to the U.S. will be permitted only after it is ascertained that such products will not be cleared by U.S. Customs under same category as canned tuna in brine.

The Japan Frozen Tuna Exporters Association has under study plans to expand exports of frozen tuna to the United States. According to an official of the Association, exports of frozen tuna to the U.S. from Japan proper during the months of April, May and June 1962 were exceedingly good, and as of July 15, a total of 20,000 short tons of the 35,000 short tons quota for yellowfin tuna had been exported. The remaining 15,000 short tons of yellowfin available for export for the remainder of JFY March 31, 1963, is considered inadequate.

The Association is of the opinion that exports of 30,000 short tons of frozen albacore, which is separate from that of yellowfin tuna, should be combined under an overall albacore-yellowfin quota. Their reasoning is that the albacore export quota will not be met before March 31, 1963, because as of July 15 exports of albacore to the U.S. had only been about 4,000 metric tons of the overall quota.

The proposal to combine the quotas for yellowfin and albacore is expected to be strongly opposed by producers holding albacore allocations.

Japan's Frozen Tuna Export Validation
January-December, 1961

(Unit: short tons, $U.S.)

Type of Shipment	Destination of Country	Albacore (1) Quantity	Albacore (1) Value	Yellowfin (2) Quantity	Yellowfin (2) Value
Liner loading	United States	23,658.4	8,505,340	31,244.9	9,834,966
	Canada	1,173.5	388,672	-	-
Transshipment	United States	10,357.2	3,151,284	18,632.8	4,213,349
	U.S. total	34,015.6	11,656,624	49,877.7	14,048,315
	Total	35,189.1	12,045,296	49,877.7	14,048,315

Type of Shipment	Destination of Country	Skipjack (3) Quantity	Skipjack (3) Value	Others Quantity	Others Value
Liner loading	United States	555.8	121,995	753.6	266,117
	Canada	-	-	-	-
Transshipment	United States	-	-	2,464	484,815
	U.S. total	555.8	121,995	3,217.6	750,932
	Total	555.8	121,995	3,217.6	750,932

Type of Shipment	Destination of Country	Total Tuna Quantity	Total Tuna Value
Liner loading	United States	56,212.7	18,728,418
	Canada	1,173.5	388,672
Transshipment	United States	31,454.0	7,849,448
	U.S. total	87,666.7	26,577,866
	Total	88,840.2	26,966,538

Type of Shipment	Destination of Country	Albacore-Yellowfin-Big eye (4) Quantity	Albacore-Yellowfin-Big eye (4) Value	Total Tuna Quantity	Total Tuna Value
Exports to Europe	Italy	28,955.9	7,308,231	28,955.9	7,308,231
	Yugoslavia	10,418.1	2,900,637	10,418.1	2,900,637
	Tunisia	668.1	180,459	668.1	180,459
	Libya	435.3	110,024	435.3	110,024
	Colombia	209.4	53,200	209.4	53,200
	Czechoslovakia	1,956.5	462,545	1,956.5	462,545
	Others	1,432.6	324,169	1,432.6	324,169
	Total	44,075.9	11,339,265	44,075.9	11,339,265
	Grand Total all countries			132,916.1	38,305,803

(1) Round
(2) GG 20-100 lbs
(3) Round
(4) Species lumped on export validations to countries listed

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

Japan's Frozen Tuna Export Validation
January-June, 1962
(Unit: short tons, $U.S.)

Type of Shipment	Destination of Country	Albacore (1) Quantity	Albacore (1) Value	Yellowfin (2) Quantity	Yellowfin (2) Value
Liner loading	United States	13,692.7	5,304,533	23,659.4	9,122,636
	Canada	1,041.7	403,974	2.0	1,520
	Italy	-	-	-	-
Transshipment	United States	10,715.2	4,412,961	7,888.7	2,322,529
	U.S. total	24,407.9	9,717,494	31,548.1	11,445,165
	Total	25,449.6	10,121,468	31,550.1	11,446,685

Type of Shipment	Destination of Country	Skipjack (3) Quantity	Skipjack (3) Value	Others Quantity	Others Value
Liner loading	United States	166.1	42,951	374	149,679
	Canada	-	-	-	-
Transshipment	United States	80.6	16,673	986.9	222,845
	U.S. total	246.7	59,624	1,360.9	372,524
	Total	246.7	59,624	1,360.9	372,524

Type of Shipment	Destination of Country	Total Tuna Quantity	Total Tuna Value
Liner loading	United States	37,892.2	14,619,799
	Canada	1,043.7	405,494
	Italy	163.3	44,230
Transshipment	United States	19,671.4	6,975,008
	U.S. total	57,563.6	21,594,807
	Total	58,770.6	22,044,531

Type of Shipment	Destination of Country	Albacore-Yellowfin-Big eye[4] Quantity	Albacore-Yellowfin-Big eye[4] Value	Total Tuna Quantity	Total Tuna Value
Exports to Europe	Italy	12,862.5	3,778,024	12,862.5	3,778,024
	Yugoslavia	3,885	1,263,293	3,885	1,263,293
	Tunisia	143.3	40,560	143.3	40,560
	Libya	352.6	94,400	352.6	94,400
	Czechoslovakia	220.4	67,520	220.4	67,520
	Others	1,121.4	221,145	1,121.4	221,145
	Total	18,585.2	5,464,942	18,585.2	5,464,942
	Italy total	13,025.8	3,822,254	13,025.8	3,822,254
	Grand total			77,355.8	27,509,473

(1) Albacore - round
(2) Yellowfin - GG 20-100 lbs
(3) Skipjack - round
(4) Species lumped on export validations to countries listed

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

Japan's Frozen Tuna Export Price

(Unit: short tons, FOB $U.S.)

Month and Year	Albacore (1)	Yellowfin (2)	Skipjack (3)
1961			
January	278	252	-
February	281	256	-
March	281	251	200
April	297	265	-
May	300	268	-
June	315	269	-
July	322	279	-
August	340	275	220
September	356	290	226
October	376	315	250
November	389	320	210
December	389	330	243
Annual average, 1961	327	281	224
1962			
January	379	333	225
February	360	335	240
March	362	344	-
April	365	340	268
May	374	348	260
June	384	354	266
Semi-annual average, 1962	372	343	252

(1) Albacore - round
(2) Yellowfin - GG 20-100 lbs
(3) Skipjack - round

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

Japan's Tuna Exports by Major Country
January-June, 1961

(Unit: metric tons, $U.S.)

Species	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Skipjack, fresh or frozen	North Borneo	406	32,653
	Switzerland	7	5,875
	United States	9	6,667
	Hong Kong	1	144
	Total	423	45,339
Albacore, fresh or frozen	United States	11,388	3,654,961
	Yugoslavia	637	172,278
	Canada	618	205,719
	Puerto Rico	1,622	461,842
	Argentina	566	177,447
	New Hebrides	1,072	208,447
	American Samoa	4,404	1,137,247
	Others	374	94,287
	Total	20,680	6,112,228
Yellowfin, fresh or frozen	Italy	11,731	2,733,258
	Yugoslavia	4,488	1,091,928
	United States	20,357	5,684,094
	Puerto Rico	3,841	977,472
	Argentina	1,754	299,678
	New Hebrides	537	70,636
	American Samoa	462	87,253
	Others	2,069	499,192
	Total	45,241	11,443,511
Albacore canned in brine	South Korea	*	561
	India	1	681
	United States	8,947	8,364,631
	Total	8,948	8,365,872
Albacore canned in oil	Trinidad and Tobago	*	497
	Lebanon	71	58,581
	Belgium	174	125,192
	West Germany	98	70,250
	Switzerland	404	313,542
	Canada	888	772,125
	Others	170	132,044
	Total	1,806	1,472,231

Species	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Yellowfin canned in oil	Aden	154	118,594
	Saudi Arabia	297	219,708
	Kuwait	416	295,153
	Syria	195	131,836
	Lebanon	197	151,450
	West Germany	1,532	1,078,792
	Switzerland	145	112,464
	Malta	190	136,003
	Trinidad and Tobago	2	1,117
	Egypt	149	113,731
	Others	744	554,427
	Total	4,022	2,913,275
Yellowfin canned in brine	United States	59	45,661
	New Zealand	*	67
	Total	59	45,728
Skipjack canned in oil	United Kingdom	3	2,936
	Belgium	7	5,597
	West Germany	10	6,731
	Switzerland	47	40,300
	Canada	10	9,200
	Egypt	4	2,653
	Australia	4	3,647
	Others	6	4,467
	Total	90	75,531
Skipjack canned in brine	United States	386	277,986
	Peru	*	19
	Ethiopia	*	200
	Total	386	278,206

* Negligible

Source: Economic Planning Agency.

Japan's Tuna Exports by Major Country
January-December, 1961

(Unit: metric tons, $U.S.)

Species	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Skipjack, fresh or frozen	British North Borneo	805	72,914
	United States	518	138,217
	Others	10	7,433
	Total	1,333	218,564
Albacore, fresh or frozen	Malaya	128	27,625
	Italy	491	123,436
	Yugoslavia	995	269,033
	Canada	1,077	399,928
	United States	27,627	10,111,447
	Puerto Rico	2,113	679,250
	Argentina	662	20,605
	Libya	127	32,236
	New Hebrides	2,335	462,922
	American Samoa	9,229	2,660,303
	Others	347	290,721
	Total	45,132	15,077,506
Yellowfin, fresh or frozen	Malaya	366	58,206
	Spain	471	101,339
	Italy	19,474	4,645,997
	Czechoslovakia	1,136	274,033
	Yugoslavia	6,726	1,659,703
	United States	37,914	11,534,878
	Cuba	511	163,458
	Puerto Rico	4,592	1,172,097
	New Hebrides	1,213	156,956
	American Samoa	1,124	224,386
	Ceylon	-	-
	Others	2,834	568,464
	Total	76,361	20,559,517

Species	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Albacore canned in oil	Lebanon	106	87,658
	Netherlands	49	37,550
	Belgium	297	220,669
	West Germany	106	75,961
	Switzerland	602	475,769
	Greece	27	21,236
	Cyprus	26	21,203
	Canada	1,433	1,288,353
	Bermuda	49	38,778
	Iran	-	-
	Others	86	68,837
	Total	2,781	2,336,014
Albacore canned in brine	United States	16,229	15,327,925
	US Virgin Islands	1	831
	Switzerland	-	-
	Others	2	2,300
	Total	16,233	15,331,056
Yellowfin canned in oil	Ryukyus	123	83,606
	Bahrein Island	122	90,247
	Aden	292	224,808
	Saudi Arabia	423	309,178
	Kuwait	513	362,119
	Malta	274	195,225
	Australia	214	150,436
	Trucial Oman and Qatar	70	49,511
	Jordan	70	49,100
	Syria	470	319,772
	United States	5	4,045
	Canada	125	98,947
	Egypt	298	254,244
	Lebanon	257	195,353
	Netherlands	333	234,517
	Belgium	138	103,133
	West Germany	4,739	3,253,631
	Switzerland	197	152,475
	South Korea	-	-
	Others	453	300,545
	Total	9,116	6,430,892

Species	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Yellowfin canned in brine	United States	1,302	1,006,280
	Others	4	2,767
	Total	1,306	1,009,047
Skipjack canned in oil	Syria	22	17,611
	United Kingdom	316	273,047
	Belgium	124	93,419
	West Germany	602	431,758
	Switzerland	381	282,933
	Canada	176	143,678
	Netherlands	132	96,586
	United States	3	2,075
	Ryukyus	-	-
	Others	117	82,821
	Total	1,873	1,424,928
Skipjack canned in brine	United States	3,624	2,831,673
	Others	5	269
	Total	3,630	2,831,942

* Negligible

Source: Economic Planning Agency.

Japan: Tuna Exports by Major Country
January-June, 1962

(Unit: metric tons, $U.S.)

Species	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Skipjack, fresh or frozen	United States	153	44,150
	Puerto Rico	1	319
	British Borneo	14	1,461
	Total	168	45,931
Albacore, fresh or frozen	Yugoslavia	185	55,353
	Canada	568	242,675
	United States	17,628	7,078,392
	Puerto Rico	4,910	1,837,478
	American Samoa	4,549	1,636,750
	New Hebrides	982	200,356
	Italy	235	73,736
	Others	99	27,002
	Total	29,156	11,151,742
Yellowfin, fresh or frozen	Italy	7,505	2,246,311
	Yugoslavia	1,951	621,450
	United States	23,490	8,853,772
	Puerto Rico	1,900	580,447
	Libya	251	64,483
	American Samoa	422	96,581
	New Hebrides	318	40,764
	Ghana	257	59,506
	Others	842	260,258
	Total	36,935	12,023,572
Albacore canned in brine	United States	6,499	6,578,814
	Others	*	433
	Total	6,500	6,579,247
Albacore canned in oil	Netherlands	24	22,903
	Belgium	183	163,448
	Switzerland	358	332,856
	Canada	749	724,561
	Lebanon	100	93,656
	Panama Canal Zone	14	12,967
	Bermuda	29	25,964
	United States	3	2,858
	Others	58	51,251
	Total	1,517	1,430,464

Species	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Albacore canned in tomato paste	Norway	13	9,667
	Belgium	12	9,094
	West Germany	1	1,103
	United States	10	994
	Canada	31	27,097
	Others	2	1,623
	Total	70	49,578
Yellowfin canned in oil	Saudi Arabia	88	64,719
	Kuwait	85	58,367
	West Germany	1,091	744,586
	Switzerland	58	47,981
	Australia	64	44,119
	Egypt	67	48,747
	United States	5	3,419
	Trinidad	1	606
	Netherlands	76	51,014
	Aden	89	69,311
	Others	560	393,028
	Total	2,183	1,525,897
Yellowfin canned in brine	South Korea	4	3,675
	United States	421	345,675
	South Africa Union	*	231
	Others	1	766
	Total	426	350,347
Yellowfin canned in tomato paste	Norway	8	4,661
	Belgium	16	10,703
	West Germany	362	221,133
	Netherlands	21	12,964
	Sweden	9	5,536
	Others	11	6,872
	Total	427	261,869
Skipjack canned in oil	Netherlands	93	67,189
	Belgium	116	86,850
	West Germany	167	121,258
	Switzerland	406	297,692
	United States	7	5,747
	South Africa Union	11	7,625
	United Kingdom	31	23,450
	Canada	92	71,447
	Trinidad	1	878
	Others	87	60,903
	Total	1,010	743,039

Species	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Skipjack canned in brine	United States	4,830	3,911,783
	Puerto Rico	1	892
	Belgium	3	2,439
	Gibraltar	*	225
	Others	1	1,097
	Total	4,837	3,916,436

* Negligible

Source: Economic Planning Agency.

Japan's Canned Tuna Exports by Commodity
January-December, 1961

(Unit: No. of case value in $U.S.)

Commodity	Quantity	Value
Albacore canned in oil	289,654	2,336,014
Yellowfin canned in oil	949,632	6,430,892
Skipjack canned in oil	195,074	1,424,928
Albacore canned in brine	1,690,886	15,331,056
Yellowfin canned in brine	136,057	1,009,048
Skipjack canned in brine	378,106	2,831,919
Total	3,639,409	29,363,857
Albacore and yellowfin canned in tomato paste or seasoned	61,725	369,942
Grand total	3,701,134	29,733,799

Note: 1 case - T2/48 cans, 1 case - 21 pounds

Source: Fishery Agency.

Japan's Canned Tuna Exports by Commodity and by Country
January-December, 1961

(Unit: No. of cases, value in $U.S.)

Commodity	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Canned in oil			
Albacore	West Germany	10,997	75,961
	Switzerland	62,702	475,769
	Canada	149,252	1,288,353
	Others	66,703	495,941
	Total	289,654	2,336,014
Yellowfin	West Germany	493,632	3,253,631
	Switzerland	20,503	152,475
	Canada	12,993	98,947
	Others	422,504	2,925,839
	Total	949,632	6,430,892
Skipjack	West Germany	62,689	431,758
	Switzerland	39,830	283,992
	Canada	18,356	143,678
	Others	74,199	565,500
	Total	195,074	1,424,928
Canned in brine			
Albacore	United States	1,690,058	15,323,828
	Others	828	7,228
	Total	1,690,886	15,331,056
Yellowfin	United States	135,209	1,003,283
	Others	848	5,765
	Total	136,057	1,009,048
Skipjack	United States	377,059	2,824,350
	Others	1,047	7,569
	Total	378,106	2,831,919

Commodity	Name of Country	Quantity	Value
Other canned tuna	West Germany	38,815	225,064
	Switzerland	767	5,039
	Canada	31	272
	United States	1,468	13,167
	Others	20,644	126,400
	Total	61,725	369,942
Summary total by country	West Germany	606,133	3,986,416
	Switzerland	123,802	917,275
	Canada	180,632	1,531,250
	United States	2,203,794	19,164,628
	Others	586,773	4,134,230
	Grand total	3,701,134	29,733,799

Note: 1 case - T2/48 cans - 21 pounds

Source: Fishery Agency.

Japan's Export Prices of Canned Tuna in Brine
(FOB: $US per case)

Month and Year	Albacore	Yellowfin	Skipjack
1959			
January	10.06	8.10	7.59
February	10.05	7.29	7.11
March	10.17	8.32	7.41
April	10.23	9.44	7.14
May	9.56	7.77	7.21
June	8.97	6.89	7.24
July	9.05	6.85	7.19
August	10.75	7.40	7.12
September	10.98	6.57	7.24
October	10.83	7.07	7.10
November	11.12	7.36	7.30
December	10.86	7.19	6.93
Annual Average	10.25	7.44	7.21
1960			
January	10.36	7.25	7.03
February	10.68	6.55	6.70
March	10.01	6.21	6.49
April	9.96	8.31	6.76
May	10.04	7.16	6.75
June	9.96	6.74	6.97
July	9.46	6.85	6.78
August	8.93	-	6.76
September	8.99	6.93	6.69
October	8.88	7.09	6.68
November	8.97	6.61	6.74
December	8.97	6.61	6.72
Annual Average	9.49	7.08	6.73

Month and Year	Albacore	Yellowfin	Skipjack
1961			
January	8.91	6.77	6.90
February	8.92	6.94	6.97
March	8.95	6.88	6.69
April	8.98	9.31	6.96
May	8.99	-	-
June	9.09	7.45	-
July	9.03	7.29	7.29
August	9.05	7.22	7.33
September	9.08	7.29	7.42
October	9.27	7.46	7.68
November	9.50	7.52	7.76
December	9.57	8.85	7.90
Annual Average	9.07	7.42	7.49
1962			
January	9.37	7.70	7.80
February	9.60	8.11	7.84
March	9.62	7.73	7.69
April	9.73	8.97	7.76
May	9.98	7.63	7.81
June	9.95	7.66	7.70
Semiannual Average	9.72	7.89	7.77

Note: 1 case - T2/48 cans - 21 pounds

Source: Ministry International Trade and Industry.

Japan's Tuna Quota for Motherships and
Certain Overseas Bases

(in short tons)

Locality	1962 (JFY)(1)	1961 (JFY)(1)	Increase
Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides	6,000	4,000	2,000
Samoa	18,000	12,000	6,000
Penang, Malaya	6,000	6,000	--
Mothership	27,000	22,900	4,100

(1) Japan Fiscal year (April 1 - March 30)

Note: Fishery Agency now reviewing applications submitted by Japanese firms seeking approval to establish fishing bases at Tahiti, Fiji Islands, and New Caledonia. Reported that Agency is likely to average a production quota of 2,000 - 3,000 short tons for Fiji Islands tuna base.

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